implementation of various renewable energy programmes, including the Remote Village Electrification Programmes, in the State.

(b) and (c) Tentative names of 6374 unelectrifted census villages were Indicated by the Orissa Renewable Energy Development Agency for possible electrification through non-conventional energy sources. The responsibility for identification of remote villages which can not be electrified through grid has been entrusted to the Rural Eelctrification Corporation (REC). The list of the villages received from Orissa has also been referred to the REC for this purpose. Further action in the matter will depend upon confirmation of the names of the remote villages and submission of proposals by the State Government for their electrification through non-conventional energy sources as per the norms of the Ministry's scheme.

Setting up Mega Thermal Power Stations in coastline or at Pithead Sites

1586. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up Mega Thermal Power Stations, either along the coastline or at pithead sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof and their locations;

(c) how much money would be involved and how the same is likely to be generated;

(d) whether any such station is likely to be set up in Tamil Nadu considering its long coastlines;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (d) It is proposed to set up Ultra Mega thermal power projects of about 4000 MW capacity each at coastal/pithead locations through competitive bidding. Various alternative sites are being examined for these projects based on use of coal.

(c) These projects are proposed to be implemented by a developer to

be selected through tariff based competitive bidding. The cost details, tariff etc. would be known after the competitive bidding process and selection of the developer.

(d) to (f) The followings sites have been tentatively identified for new Mega coastal thermal power projects to be set up in Tamil Nadu:—

SI.No.	Name of Project	Capacity (MW)
1.	Tuticorin TPS, JV of Neyveli Lignite Corporation &TNEB	2x500
2.	Ertnora TPS, JV of NTPC & TNEB	2x500
3.	Cheyyur TPS, TNEB	2x800

However, the identification of possible sites for the ultra mega projects of 4000 MW+capacity is still in a preliminary stage.

Concessions given to independent power producers

1587. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the achievement of power generations targets set out by the Tenth Plan is lagging behind;

(b) if so, the reasons for this lagging and the steps initiated by Government to overcome this; and

(c) what is the amount of concessions given to the independent power producers in the last years?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Energy Generation Targets are fixed on annual basis by Central Electricity Authority/ Ministry of Power in consultation with the Power Generating Utilities on the basis Of past performance of the Generating Units, maintenance schedules, addition/upration/deration in installed capacity, etc. During the 10th Plan period (2002-03 to April, 05 - October, 05), the target fixed for total All India Power Generation (Thermal, Hydro & Nuclear) and actual generation acheived was as under: